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SUBJECT: TRAVELING PRESS REPORTAGE, MORNING, TUESDAY,
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WIRES:

1. REUTERS: (NO BYLINE, FROM ZURICH): SECRETARY OF
STATE HENRY KISSINGER FLIES TO TANZANIA TODAY ON THE FIRST
LEG OF AN ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

DR. KISSINGER, WHO ARRIVED HERE FROM WASHINGTON LAST
NIGHT, IS DUE TO HAVE TALKS WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT
JULIUS NYERERE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW BEFORE TRAVELLING TO
ZAMBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

US OFFICIALS SAY DR. KISSINGER'S EFFORT WILL PROBABLY
CONCENTRATE ON SPEEDING THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA ...
AFTER 57 YEARS OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL, RATHER THAN ON
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THE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF ENDING WHITE SUPREMACY IN
RHODESIA.

BUT THE PRESENCE IN DR. KISSINGER'S PARTY OF WILLIAM ROGERS,

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, IS A STRONG CLUE THAT RHODESIA IS STILL AN ACTIVE ISSUE.

A KEY TO ITS SOLUTION IS THE JOINT AMERICAN AND BRITISH PLAN FOR A FUND TO GUARANTEE THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF WHITE RHODESIANS, A PROPOSAL IN WHICH MR. ROGERS IS DEEPLY INVOLVED.

AFTER TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, DR. KISSINGER IS DUE TO MEET ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUANDA IN LUSAKA BEFORE FLYING TO PRETORIA ON FRIDAY.

OFFICIALS IN THE PARTY SAY THE CHANCES OF DR. KISSINGER MEETING RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH ARE REMOTE, EVEN THOUGH MR. SMITH IS NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE US VIEW IS THAT MR. SMITH SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL JUST BEFORE THEY ARE CONCLUDED. AND THERE ARE FEW SIGNS THAT THE RHODESIAN DISPUTE IS ABOUT TO BE RESOLVED.

IN SOUTH AFRICA, US OFFICIALS SAID DR. KISSINGER PLANS TO MEET LEADERS OF TWO NON-GOVERNMENT GROUPS -- ONE COMPRISING BLACKS AND PEOPLE OF MIXED RACE AND THE OTHER COMPOSED OF BLACK AND WHITE OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID.

DR. KISSINGER ALSO INTENDS TO MEET MR. SAM NUJOMA, HEAD OF SWAPO, WHICH SAYS IT IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. THE MEETING PLACE HAS NOT BEEN FIXED.

DR. KISSINGER IS ALSO ALLOWING TIME FOR POSSIBLE VISITS TO ZAIRE AND KENYA TO GIVE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS AND NATIONALIST LEADERS A CHANCE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ONCE THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS HAS ENDED.

US OFFICIALS SAID HE WAS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO RETURN
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TO WASHINGTON VIA LONDON BY SEPTEMBER 24.

2. UPI (ANDERSON): SEC OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HEADED FOR TANZANIA TODAY "WITH HOPE AND SOME DETERMINATION" BUT LIMITED GOALS ON HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE TO RACIALLY TROUBLED SOUTHERN AFRICA.

... ZURICH, WHERE HE MET SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER OHN VORSTER A WEEK AGO, WAS A REFUELING AND REST STOP. KISSINGER CONDUCTED NO BUSINESS, AND MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SWITZERLAND.

REPORTERS ABOARD THE JETLINER THAT BROUGHT KISSINGER FROM

WASHINGTON MONDAY WERE WARNED NOT TO EXPECT ANY SPECTACULAR BREAKTHROUGHS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE TRIP.

THE MOST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED, THEY WERE TOLD, WAS A SOUTH AFRICAN COMMITMENT TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN RHODESIA AND SOME COORDINATION AMONG THE BLACK AFRICAN PARTIES INVOLVED.

RADIO/TV

1. BERNARD KALB, CBS RADIO, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS FINALLY EMBARKED FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA ON A DIPLOMATIC SHUTTLE THAT HAS PRODUCED A WHOLE RANGE OF REACTIONS -- THE RUSSIANS DON'T LIKE IT, BLACK AFRICANS ARE SUSPICIOUS, RHODESIA FINDS IT ILLOGICAL, AND SOUTH AFRICA IS GOING ALONG WITH IT ONLY WITH RELUCTANCE. BUT KISSINGER FEELS THE STAKES ARE WORTH THE EFFORT, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO CERTAINTY OF SUCCESS, AND HE DEPARTED ZURICH TODAY BOUND FOR TANZANIA. HE PLANS TO USE HIS FAMILIAR SHUTTLE TECHNIQUE - TALK FIRST WITH TANZANIA'S PRESIDENT NYERERE, THEN TO ZAMBIA FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, THEN TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE FIRST VISIT EVER BY A SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER, WHO BY THEN WILL HAVE ALREADY TALKED WITH RHODESIA'S PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH. IT'S KISSINGER'S LONGSHOT HOPE THAT THIS OPENING ROUND MIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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PRODUCE A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK DESIGNED TO BRING BLACK MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. THE PLAN FOR RHODESIA REPORTEDLY INCLUDES AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PACKAGE THAT COULD RUN TO A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS. NAMIBIA IS THE LESS COMPLEX OF THE TWO ISSUES. IF THERE IS ANY BREAKTHROUGH, IT'S EXPECTED TO COME FROM THAT AREA.

NEWSPAPERS:

1. WASHPOST (MARDER): QUOTES KAUNDA SAYING HAK VISIT OK BUT ARMED STRUGGLE TO CONTINUE.

"... REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER ARE TOLD THAT WHILE BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS PUBLICLY HAVE PORTRAYED HIM AS THE OVER-EAGER INITIATOR, IN PRIVATE THEY HAVE ENCOURAGED HIS DIPLOMATIC EFFORT.

.ENGINEERING SWAPO'S PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS TO WIN NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA IS THE INITIAL HURDLE KISSINGZR MUST OVERCOME.

"HERE IN ZURICH A WEEK AGO, HE TRIED TO LAY THE GROUND-

WORK WITH VORSTER TO BRING SWAPO INTO NAMIBIAN TALKS

"KISSINGER PLANS NEXT TO PROCEED TO PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS OF TALKS -- THE FIRST VISIT OF AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE LAND OF RACIAL APARTHEID.

"ALTHOUGH IT IS SHUNNED BY ALL OF BLACK AFRICA, SOUTH AFRICA HOLD THE KEY LEVERAGE KISSINGER EXPECTS TO GO TO PRETORIA WITH THE BLESSINGS OF NYERERE AND KAUNDA.

"IN SOUTH AFRICA, IT WAS DISCLOSED ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE, HE HAS SCHEDULED TALKS WITH BLACK AND 'COLORED' HE ALSO PLANS TO MEET WITH A MIXED GROUP OF BLACKS AND WHITES DESCRIBED AS OPINION LEADERS.

"ALTHOUGH US OFFICIALS DO NOT SAY SO, THESE NON-OFFICIAL TALKS ARE DESIGNED IN LARGE PART FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DOMESTIC AUDIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND AFRICA.

"KISSINGER MUST DEMONSTRATE WHILE HE IS ON SOUTH AFRICAN SOIL THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT EMBRACING SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID -- RACIAL SEPARATION -- WHICH IN MANY RESPECTS IS MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN THE RACIAL POLICIES OF EITHER NAMIBIA OR RHODESIA.

"THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF A KISSINGER MEETING WITH RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH AT SOME STAGE....

"... THE KISSINGER DELEGATION REITERATED TODAY THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD MEET WITH RHODESIA'S SMITH ONLY IF THAT IS VIRTUALLY THE CULMINATION OF A PROCESS IN WHICH MAJORITY RULE COULD BE ASSURED FOR RHODESIA.

"BUT THERE IS NO EXPECTATION, REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING KISSINGER WERE TOLD, THAT A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING WITH THE RHODESIAN RACIAL CONFLICT CAN BE COMPLETED DURING THIS CURRENT ROUND OF DIPLOMACY. IN ANY CASE, IT WAS SAID, KISSINGER CANNOT GET THE SALISBURY, THE RHODESIA CAPITAL, TO MEET WITH SMITH. (SIC)

"FOLLOWING KISSINGER'S TALKS IN PRETORIA, HIS PLANNED ITINERARY WOULD TAKE HIM BACK TO ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE KISSINGER-VORSTER DISCUSSIONS.

"HIS PRESENTLY PROJECTED DATE FOR RETURNING TO WASHINGTON IS SEPT. 24, ALTHOUGH ALL THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO

CHANGE.

"KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD, WHO RADIOED HIS LAST-MINUTE GOOD WISHES TO KISSINGER'S PLANE JUST AFTER TAKE-OFF, ARE TRYING TO INSURE THAT A FAILURE OF THIS VENTURE WILL NOT REBOUND AGAINST THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

"THEY ARE GAMBLING THAT AT WORST THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE CREDITED WITH DOING ITS BEST TO HEAD OFF A SPIRAL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RACIAL VIOLENCE ACROSS SOUTHERN AFRICA, EVEN IF KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY PRODUCES NO SOLUTIONS." (PAGE A-16)

2. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN): "PRESIDENT JULIUS K. NYERERE OF TANZANIA WAS REPORTED TODAY TO PREFER THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER GIVE PRIORITY TO RESOLVING THE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR SOUTH-WEST AFRICA - RATHER THAN BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA - DURING MR. KISSINGER'S AFRICAN TRIP.

"REPORTERS WERE TOLD THIS ABORAD HAK'S JET

"TOMORROW HE GOES ON TO DAR ES SALAAM, THE CAPITAL OF TANZANIA ... THE TRIP IS EXPECTED TO LAST AT LEAST 10 DAYS.

"THE TRIP, WHICH INCLUDES SOME SHUTTTLING, MAY INCLUDE A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTERIAN D. SMITH OF RHODESIA, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT YET DEFINITE.

"MR. NYERERE, WHO WILL MEET WITH MR. KISSINGER MOST OF THE DAY WEDNESDAY, HAS BEEN IN DAILY CONTACT WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS SINCE BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS MET LAST WEEK

"ALTHOUGH THE ISSUES SURROUNDING RHODESIA HAVE ATTRACTED MORE ATTENTION, MR. NYERERE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON INDEPENDENCE FOR SOUTH-WEST AFRICA WERE MORE LIKELY TO PROVE SUCCESSFUL IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAN DISCUSSIONS ON RHODESIA.

"MR. NYERERE'S MESSAGES WERE AT THE ROOT OF MR. KISSINGER'S COMMENTS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON THAT HE WAS 'MORE HOPEFUL' ON PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION ON SOUTH-WEST AFRICA THAN ON RHODESIA.

"ON THIS TRIP, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THREE NIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, MR. KISSINGER HOPES TO RECEIVE AN ENDORSEMENT FROM PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA OF THE

BRITISH-AMERICAN PLAN FOR ENDING MINORITY RULE IN

RHODESIA....
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"... THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF PROCEDURE RATHER THAN OF
SUBSTANCE. AS OUTLINED TO REPORTERS ON THE KISSINGER
PLANE, THE MAIN ISSUE IS FINDING A WAY OF GETTING THE
SOUTH AFRICANS AND A NATIONALIST GROUP, THE SOUTH-WEST
AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, TO SIT TOGETHER AND
NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE.

"MR. KISSINGER PLANS TO SEE SAM NUJOMA, THE HEAD OF SWAPO,
WHEN HE STOPS IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, ON THURSDAY. "

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